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Councils and Local Boards and later it went before the Director of Public Instruction. So, these journals are specifically prohibited. May I know the reasons for this?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member is presumably referring to the state of affairs some time earlier. There was some conflict of views between the municipalities and the Government earlier. But the Government Order of 1952 stated that it was unnecessary to maintain a list of periodicals and journals. The whole question is governed by the instructions that have been read out already by me."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know whether the Government are prepared to pass general orders providing that all journals of public interest be supplied to municipal and Government libraries?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is a Public Libraries Act and the rules under it are in force in the State. The supply or purchase of these books and periodicals is governed by the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAICKER :—" May I know whether the Government have issued any orders that ' Viduthalai ', ' Dina Thanthi ' ' Nam Nadu ' and ' Janasakthi ' should not be purchased by the Cuddalore Municipality?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The answer was given in reply to Mr. Kalyanasundaram's question."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" My question was whether the Government are prepared to issue orders both to the municipal and Government libraries to see that all journals of public interest are purchased by the authorities concerned?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Discretion is given to the libraries concerned to be exercised in conformity with the Act and rules made thereunder."

Planning Adviser to report on famine conditions in the State.

* 1083 Q.—SRI K. T. KOSALRAM (on behalf of Sri R. V. Swaminathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government of India proposed to send a Planning Adviser to the Government of Madras to report about the famine conditions in this State;

(b) whether the Government of Madras refused such advice; and

(c) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No such proposal has been received by the State Government.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."